

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 21, 26, 31 and 36 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, now read as follows:

1. to 20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) An image recording apparatus, comprising:

a recording unit adapted to record an image on a recording paper based on image data;

a plurality of bins to which the recording papers are ejected;

an attachment unit, adapted to attach a detachable memory to said image recording apparatus, the memory storing a plurality of image data and a plurality of attribute data corresponding to the plurality of image data, each attribute data having a plurality of attributes, each attribute including attribute information;

a designation unit, adapted to designate one attribute from among the plurality of attributes;

~~a recording unit, adapted to record the plurality of image data read from the memory attached by said attachment unit on a recording paper; and~~

a determination unit, adapted to make a determination, based on the attribute information stored in the detachable memory included in the attribute designated by said designation unit, such that a plurality of recording papers on which a number of image data with the same attribute information ~~included in the attribute designated by said designation unit~~ are recorded are output to the same bin output port.

22. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the plurality of image data are obtained by a digital camera and the attribute information is added by the digital camera.

23. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the attribute includes a title.

24. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the attribute includes a photographing date.

25. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the attribute includes a destination user.

26. (Currently amended) An image recording apparatus for connection with a recording unit that records an image on a recording paper based on image data and a plurality of bins to which the recording papers are ejected, said image recording apparatus comprising:

a read unit, adapted to read[[,]] attribute data from a memory storing a plurality of image data and a plurality of attribute data corresponding to the plurality of image data, wherein each attribute data has a plurality of attributes and each attribute includes attribute information;

a designation unit, adapted to designate one attribute from among the plurality of attributes; and

a determination unit, adapted to make a determination, based on the attribute information read by said read unit included in the attribute designated by said designation unit, such that a plurality of recording papers on which a number of image data with the same attribute information ~~included in the attribute designated by said designation unit are recorded~~ are output to the same bin output port.

27. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the plurality of image data are obtained by a digital camera and the attribute information is added by the digital camera.

28. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the attribute includes a title.

29. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the attribute includes a photographing date.

30. (Previously presented) An apparatus according to claim 26, wherein the attribute includes a destination user.

31. (Currently amended) A method of determining a paper output port, comprising:  
a recording step of recording an image on a recording paper based on image data;

a step of reading, from a memory storing a plurality of image data and a plurality of attribute data corresponding to the plurality of image data, wherein each attribute data has a plurality of attributes and each attribute includes attribute information;

a step of designating one attribute from among the plurality of attributes;

and

a step of making a determination, based on the attribute information stored in the detachable memory included in the attribute designated in said designation step, such that a plurality of recording papers on which a number of image data with the same attribute information ~~included in the attribute designated in said designating step~~ are recorded are output to a [[the]] same bin of a plurality of bins to which the recording papers are ejected ~~output port~~.

32. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 31, wherein the plurality of image data are obtained by a digital camera and the attribute information is added by the digital camera.

33. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 31, wherein the attribute includes a title.

34. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 31, wherein the attribute includes a photographing date.

35. (Previously presented) A method according to claim 31, wherein the attribute includes a destination user.

36. (Currently amended) A program stored on a computer-readable medium, comprising:

a step of reading, from a memory storing a plurality of image data and a plurality of attribute data corresponding to the plurality of image data, the plurality of image data wherein each attribute data has a plurality of attributes and each attribute includes attribute information;

a step of designating one attribute from among the plurality of attributes;

and

a step of making a determination, based on the attribute information read in said reading step included in the attribute designated in said designating step, such that a plurality of recording papers on which a number of image data with the same attribute information ~~included in the attribute designated in said designating step~~ are recorded are output to a [[the]] same bin of a plurality of bins to which the recording papers are ejected.

37. (Previously presented) A program stored on a computer-readable medium according to Claim 36, wherein the plurality of image data are obtained by a digital camera and the attribute information is added by the digital camera.

38. (Previously presented) A program stored on a computer-readable medium according to Claim 36, wherein the attribute includes a title.

39. (Previously presented) A program stored on a computer-readable medium according to Claim 36, wherein the attribute includes a photographing date.

40. (Previously presented) A program stored on a computer-readable medium according to Claim 36, wherein the attribute includes a destination user.